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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT (OPIC)

1. FORREST WALLACE SENDS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ALAN LOGAN.
QUOTE. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PLEASE PASS MY
MESSAGE TO THE ADDRESSEES AS INDICATED. (A) TERREL OF
COFITOUR; WROTE GUEN ON JANUARY 24 REQUESTING INFORMATION
REGARDING TABARKA LAND AVAILABILITY AND EXPRESSION OF
COFI'S INTEREST. WROTE YOU JANUARY 29 REQUESTING STATUS
REPORT. HAVE HAD NO REPLY TO EITHER OF MY MESSAGES.
REQUEST YOU TELEX ME LOS ANGELES 674358 COFI'S POSITION AND
FORWARD FURTHER DETAILS BY LETTER TO ME IN SANTA BARBARA.
AS YOU KNOW I CANNOT PURSUE MY ORIGINAL TABARKA PROGRAM
UNTIL COFITOUR EXPRESSES INTEREST OR WITHDRAWS CONSIDER-
ATION.

2. (B) BOUZIRI OF CEPEX: BEFORE REPLYING YOUR CABLE
REGARDING APRICOTS, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING: MY
AGENT'S LONDON OFFICE INFORMED ME THEY DID NOT RECEIVE THE
TELEX I LEFT WITH YOU NOTIFYING THEM TO EXPECT A TRIAL
SHIPMENT OF CITRUS. PLEASE SEND ME COPY OF ANY TELEX OR
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CORRESPONDENCE FROM YOU TO THEM SO I WILL BE INFORMED OF

WHAT TRANSPRIRED. IN FUTURE REQUESTS ANY CONTACTS WITH MY AGENTS BE CLEARED BY ME OR THROUGH ME. PLEASE INFORM ME YOUR REACTION TO REPORT MY AGENTS SENT YOU ON ORANGES AND

YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE MAY COOPERATE TO IMPROVE AND INCREASE TUNIS CITRUS EXPORTS. AM INVESTIGATING YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING APRICOTS AND WILL REPLY AS SOON AS RESEARCH IS COMPLETED. PLEASE SEND ME TUNISIAN WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES AS REQUESTED DURING MY VISIT. PERHAPS YOU WILL WANT TO CONSULT BERGGREN OF CEPEX BEFORE PASSING MESSAGE TO BOUZIRI.

3. THE ABOVE MESSAGES WERE CLEARED BY THE AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL. APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE. END QUOTE. SIGNED FORREST WALLACE. KISSINGER

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